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FOR AF/E - WATERMAN FROM GERLACH

E.O. 11652: DECON ON RECEIPT

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SUBJ: BACKGROUND NOTES

1. RECEIVED YOUR LETTER OF FEB 24 TOO LATE TO SUGGEST EXTENSIVE CHANGES AS WE WOULD HAVE LIKED.

2. BELIEVE FORMULATION QUOTE MILITARY DICTATORSHIP UNQUOTE UNDER TYPE OF GOVERNMENT NEEDS REFINEMENT. CONSTITUTION EFFECTIVE 3/8/73.

3. GNP (1973) \$1.9 MILLION, GROWTH 4.0 PER CENT. PER CAPITA INCOME ABOUT \$120, GROWTH 1.8 PER CENT. PRINCIPAL TRADING PARTNERS (1973) EEC, PRC, US, JAPAN, EGYPT AND INDIA; TOTAL EXPORTS \$358.7 M (US \$6.7 M OR 2 PER CENT), TOTAL IMPORTS \$417.2 M (US \$33 M OR 7 PER CENT). USE LS 1.00 EQUALS \$2.50 AS DE FACTO RATE FOR MOST TRANSACTIONS. COTTON NOW PROVIDES ABOUT 50 PER CENT OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE EARNINGS.

4. RE OIL EXPLORATION, SUGGEST YOU SAY QUOTE INTENSIVE EXPLORATION ALONG COAST AND IN 500,000 SQ KM INLAND AREA JUST GETTING UNDER WAY, BUT SO FAR NO OIL HAS BEEN FOUND. UNQUOTE.

5. SUGGEST RE AID YOU STRESS INCREASING ROLE OF VARIOUS ARAB COUNTRIES AND FUNDS. BELIEVE YOU HAVE INFO FROM OUR REPORTING.

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